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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL MEETING

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MEETING ID: **878 2339 9784**

DATE: May 23, 2023

TIME: 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Wesley Witherspoon

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Wesley Witherspoon, Council Chair

- A. Employment First Committee (EFC)
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- A. Governor's May Revise Update
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Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director

- A. Executive Director Report
- B. Chief Deputy Director
- C. Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Report
- D. Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations Report
- E. CRA/VAS Report
- F. QA Project Update Report

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Mirna Leal, Program Manager

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The next Council meeting will be in person on July 18, 2023.

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**AGENDA ITEM 3.
INFORMATION ITEM**

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Swearing in of New Councilmember(s)

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will swear in new Councilmember(s).

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**AGENDA ITEM 5.
INFORMATION ITEM**

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**AGENDA ITEM 6.
INFORMATION ITEM**

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Chair Report and Committee Reports

Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon will provide Councilmembers with an oral report about his recent activities and current priorities for the Council.

SCDD Committee reports have been provided for informational purposes.

Attachment

Employment First Committee (EFC) meeting summary for 05/04/23

Handout

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) will meet on 05/22/23. The meeting summary will be provided as a handout.

AGENDA ITEM 6a.**EMPLOYMENT FIRST COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

Date of Meeting

May 4, 2023

Meeting's Focus

The Employment First Committee (EFC) met on May 4th. The focus of the meeting included reviewing the SMART Workgroups draft invitation letter and application questions for perspective EFC members. Following the review, members requested revisions to both the invitation letter and application questions.

Members were then given an update on the EFC annual report. The Committee will convene a special meeting in June to review and act on the final draft once completed.

Members also received updates from Deputy Director's Tania Morawiec and Bridget Kolakosky. Deputy Director Morawiec provided updates on Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) implementation activities, including the NEON grant. Deputy Director Kolakosky presented State Legislative updates that included the status of education and CIE related bills the Council is supporting and/or co-sponsoring.

The meeting concluded with updates on standing agenda items such as the implementation status of data sharing legislation, the CIE Blueprint, and more.

Items Acted Upon

- EFC approved the February 2023 meeting minutes.

Future Meeting Dates

Tentatively for June 19th, and confirmed for July 13th, and October 12th.

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AGENDA ITEM 7.

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Approval of March 2023 Minutes

The draft minutes from the March 2023 Council meeting have been included in the packet for review. Councilmembers will vote on whether to approve the minutes.

Attachment

March 21, 2023 Council meeting minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the March 2023 minutes.



**DRAFT
Council Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2023**

Members Attending

Alex Reyes (S.A.)
Andy Imparato (DRC)
Aubyn Stahmer (UCEDD)
Cathay Liu (F.A.)
Eric Ybarra (S.A.)
Harold Ashe (F.A.)
Jeana Eriksen (S.A.)
Joseph Billingsley (DHCS)
Joyce McNair (F.A.)
Julie Neward (F.A.)
Julie Gaona (S.A.)
Julio Garnica (S.A.)
Kara Ponton (S.A.)
Kilolo Brodie-Crumsey (F.A.)
Larry Yin (UCEDD)
Liz Laugeson (UCEDD)
Maria Marquez (S.A.)
Michael Ellis (F.A.)
Michael Rillera (F.A.)
Michael Thomas (DOR)
Nicole Adler (S.A.)
Nick Wavrin (CDE)
Rosanna Ryan (S.A.)
Viviana Barnwell (F.A.)
Wesley Witherspoon (S.A.)

Members Absent

Brian Winfield (DDS)
Harold Fujita (F.A.)
Julie Austin (F.A.)
Lee Bycel (F.A.)
Mark Beckley (CDA)
Marko Mijic (CHHS)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Anne De Medeiros
Beth Hurn
Brian Weisel
Bridget Kolakosky
Charles Ngyuen
Chris Arroyo
David Grady
Dena Hernandez
Disability Voices United
Jennifer Lucas
Jennifer Vu
Julie Eby-McKenzie
Ken DaRosa
Kristianna Moralls
Lisa Hooks
Maria Arredondo

Others Attending

(cont.)

Mary Ellen Stives
Michelle Cave
Miguel Lugo
Renee Bauer
Riana Hardin
Rihana Ahmad
Robin Maitino-Erben
Sarah
Scarlett VonThenen
Sidney Jackson
Tamekia Johnson
Tania Morawiec
Tim Jin
Tony
Victoria Schlussler
Yaritza Sanchez

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wesley Witherspoon called the meeting to order at 10:31 A.M.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

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3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

Chair Witherspoon announced potential changes in the agenda order to accommodate the guests from the legislature and their schedules. He announced that Stephanie Jimenez from Assemblymember Arambula's office would be joining the meeting to present on AB 447 (Arambula), and Kyle Kruger from Senator Caballero's office to present on SB 37 (Caballero).

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment on this item.

5. **CHAIR REPORT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Chair Witherspoon announced a change to the agenda order, moving his report to item 5. He reminded Councilmembers to respond to staff emails in advance to ensure quorum at Council and Committee meetings.

The Chair shared that he presented in a national webinar hosted by the National Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center on March 16, in observance of Developmental Disability Awareness Month. The webinar spotlighted the accomplishments of DD Councils in fostering employment opportunities. Chair Witherspoon discussed SB 639 (Durazo) and the Council's report to phase out subminimum wage in California.

Additionally, the Chair shared photographs from his attendance at the Disability Rights California Inaugural Gala with Executive Director Carruthers. The gala featured live music, artistic displays, performances, and speakers who aimed to raise awareness about disability justice. The event brought together members of the disability community, leaders in social justice, and representatives from the state government, including Assemblymember Kalra and the California Lieutenant Governor.

SCDD committee reports were provided in the meeting packet. Chair Witherspoon asked that members read through these reports when they are able. The committee reports can be accessed online at <https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/>.

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6. **RECOGNIZING OUTGOING MEMBERS**

Chair Witherspoon recognized Councilmembers Jeana Eriksen, Julie Austin, and Maria Marquez as their terms were expiring in March 2023. While Councilmember Julie Austin was unable to attend, the Chair encouraged members to keep her in mind throughout the discussion.

Councilmember Jeana Eriksen expressed her deep appreciation for the honor and privilege of serving on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Reflecting on her six-year term, she acknowledged the invaluable support provided by her staff and SCDD. Having held the desire to join the State Council since the age of 10, when she participated in her first disability rights protest, she took pride in the legislative decisions she made as a Councilmember, many of which were subsequently signed into law.

Councilmember Maria Marquez conveyed her deep appreciation to her fellow Councilmembers and SCDD staff for their continuous support. She recognized Director Carruthers, Committee Specialist Maitino-Erben, and Councilmember Yin for their encouragement throughout her time. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the State Council, and advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities. She spoke about some of the meaningful connections she formed along the way and emphasized the significance of collective efforts in creating a better life for people with disabilities.

The Chair, Executive Director, and Councilmembers shared cherished memories, kind sentiments, and expressions of gratitude for the outgoing Councilmembers.

7. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

Action 1

It was moved/seconded (Adler [S.A]/ Reyes [S.A.]) and carried to approve the January 2023 meeting minutes as presented. (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present)

8. **2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Deputy Director Bridget Kolakosky announced Natalia Castro, a self-advocate from the San Bernardino region, as the winner of the "There Should be a Law" contest. Natalia's proposal focused on addressing child and psychological abuse in her community by implementing background

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checks for nonprofits and churches. She was invited to participate in the Safety for All discussions and contribute to shaping a safety bill in 2024.

SCDD's policy priorities for the current year revolve around employment, safety, and housing. The criteria used to select and recommend legislation for SCDD's support were based on five factors. SCDD's support was limited to a maximum of 15 bills that specifically addressed the needs of the IDD/DD community, with the requirement that the bill language be available for evaluation by the Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC). Opposition was encouraged where the bill posed a direct harm to the IDD/DD community. Additionally, if bills encountered delays or failed to progress during the committee process, the possibility of supporting additional bills was available.

As a supporter of a bill, SCDD would provide a letter of support and testify in Committee. As a bill sponsor, SCDD would assist Committee staff with analysis and hearings, advocate for the bill during votes, and advocate for it in the Governor's office.

The bills recommended for support by SCDD this year include AB 248 (Mathis), AB 545 (Pellerin), AB 447 (Arambula), AB 87 (Quirk-Silva), SB 483 (Cortese), SB 246 (Ochoa-Bogh), AB 222 (Arambula), AB 1568 (Wood), AB 244 (Wilson), SB 271 (Dodd), AB 1567 (Garcia, Carrillo, Connolly, Friedman, Papan), AB 280 (Holden), and AB 946 (Nguyen). Staff will watch bills of interest as they go through the legislative process and undergo amendments. The full presentation with additional bill information can be accessed at <https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/>.

Stephanie Jimenez, legislative staff member from Assemblymember Arambula's office, presented on AB 447. The bill aims to enhance inclusive college programs for students with IDD/DD at UC's and CSU's. AB 447 outlines guidelines, expectations, and requirements to ensure the effectiveness of these inclusive programs. It expands the scope of opportunities available to students, encompassing academic courses, campus involvement, employment internships, and student housing. The proposed legislation establishes a certification program designed to enrich the lives of students with IDD/DD, promoting independence, meaningful relationships, and career skill development.

Kyle Kruger, representing Senator Caballero's office, presented on SB 37. The bill offers rent subsidies to older adults and adults with disabilities who are homeless or at a high risk of homelessness. The bill proposes

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that the Department of Housing and Community Development distribute grants to suitable nonprofit organizations and other entities equipped with the necessary resources to provide rent subsidies. The subsidies aim to prevent and alleviate homelessness for a substantial number of adults with disabilities.

Action 2

It was moved/seconded (Ybarra [S.A]/ Ashe [F.A.]) and carried to adopt the Legislative and Public Policy Committee's recommendation to support the following 13 bills: AB 248, AB 545, AB 447, AB 87, SB 483, SB 246, AB 222, AB 1568, AB 244, SB 271, AB 1567, AB 280, and AB 946. (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present)

9. COUNCIL BYLAWS: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND UPDATES

Executive Director Carruthers and Legal Counsel Weisel presented the recommended changes to the Council's Bylaws as proposed by the Executive Committee. The Bylaws, which govern the Council's operations, were last reviewed, and amended in May 2018. The Executive Committee, in collaboration with Legal Counsel, identified areas for updates. Some of the changes were technical, such as incorporating the use of gender-neutral pronouns. Additionally, more substantial revisions were made to align the Bylaws with the evolving practices of the Council over the past five years, taking into account the impact of the pandemic on their work. The revisions ensure that all current practices align with the established rules. A plain language version of the Bylaws was also prepared by Legal Counsel Weisel.

A comprehensive list of updates/changes made to the Bylaws and the plain language version can be accessed at <https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/>.

Action 3

It was moved/seconded (Reyes [S.A]/ Ybarra [F.A.]) and carried to approve the suggested amendments to the Council's Bylaws and Plain Language Guide. (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present)

10. CYCLE 46 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

SCDD grants are awarded annually to community-based organizations to enhance services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The Program Development Grants (PDG)

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support the Council's efforts to meet federal and state mandates, fostering the development of innovative programs and services.

The State Plan Committee met on February 2nd to discuss the Grant Cycle 46 process, area of emphasis, and timeline. On March 2, 2023, they reviewed the scoring criteria and project descriptions. The Cycle RFP will be released on March 27th, followed by the Bidders Conference on April 25th, and proposal submission deadline on May 22nd.

State Plan Chair Kilolo Brodie and State Plan Manager Rihana Ahmad presented the project descriptions for Cycle 46 Request for Proposals (RFP). The project descriptions were developed based on suggestions from Disability Expert Advisory Panels (DEAPs) and incorporated feedback from State Plan Committee members. They focused on four key areas: education, employment, health and safety, and self-advocacy. Each description identified specific issues, gaps, or systemic problems that the proposed grant proposals aimed to address, highlighting the intended outputs, outcomes, and impact. The complete timeline of important dates regarding the Grant Cycle 46 process and project descriptions can be accessed at <https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/>.

Additionally, a new online submission platform, Grant Vantage, was introduced to streamline the application process and ensure complete submissions. Technical assistance sessions were scheduled on April 6, May 2, and May 15 from 11am to 12pm to support applicants in navigating the new platform. More information can be accessed at <https://scdd.ca.gov/grantinformation/>.

Action 3

It was moved/seconded (Ellis [F.A]/ Ybarra [S.A.]) and carried to approve the Cycle 46 project descriptions and increase the allocated funding amount to \$300,000 for Cycle 46 (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present)

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT AND STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director Carruthers shared updates on the ongoing advocacy efforts to eliminate subminimum wage by January 2025. Senate Bill 639, co-sponsored by the Council and Disability Rights California (DRC), became effective in January 2022, requiring the release of a transition plan by January 2023. Deputy Directors Tania Morawiec and Bridget Kolakosky presented a comprehensive transition plan at the January Council meeting and provided testimonies in budget committee hearings

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in February and March. Councilmember Maria Marquez also traveled to Sacramento in February to testify with the Executive Director at the Assembly Budget Committee hearing. The transition plan set specific timelines, with the goal of eliminating subminimum wage by January 2025. Establishing an Employment First Office in the Health and Human Services Agency was highlighted as a top priority, with Senator Durazo championing the cause and submitting a budget request for its establishment.

He also discussed the Showcase of Cycle 44 Grants which highlighted successful projects funded by the Council. These included Chime Institute's work on inclusive education, the Down Syndrome Connection of the East Bay's collaboration for mental health support, Parents Helping Parents' efforts to address mental health needs in Spanish-speaking families during the transition from school to adulthood, and Path Point's focus on mental health and utilizing "Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills" and "Mental Health First Aid" to teach proactive skills.

Additionally, two employment-related grants were awarded this year: the NEON grant from the US Department of Labor and the SWITCHE grant from the Department of Education. Partnerships and grants were also discussed, such as the Bridging Aging and Disability Community of Practice in collaboration with various organizations and the Service Access and Equity Grant issued by the Department of Developmental Services. The Council also expressed interest in additional opportunities, including plain language training, promoting Supported Decision Making for youth, and enhancing data analytics for Qualtrics information.

Executive Director Carruthers provided updates on vaccine work, highlighting the distribution of PPE during the pandemic and ongoing efforts to administer vaccinations and boosters. He also recognized Public Information Officer Michelle Cave for spotlighting the contributions of Black Americans with disabilities during Black History Month and State Plan Manager Rihana Ahmad and her team's work in developing an online grant application portal.

Debra Adler provided a public comment on this item. She shared her personal experience as a parent involved in one of the studies conducted by the Down Syndrome Connection of the East Bay. According to Ms. Adler, her participant received exceptional services, and the program proved to be a positive experience for them both. She also emphasized

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the challenges faced in finding a suitable therapist and expressed gratitude for the State Council's selection and funding of the grant.

Gilda Giron, the Director of Outreach and Leadership Training with Disability Voices United, also provided a public comment. She announced the commencement of the application process for the third round of their Emerging Leaders Program. The program, consisting of five training sessions, aims to equip individuals with disabilities and their families residing in California with the necessary skills to assume leadership roles in their communities and advocate for systemic change. Ongoing support will also be provided after the completion of the training sessions. The sessions were scheduled for Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm throughout May and early June. The deadline for submitting applications is March 31st.

12. STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN) REPORT

SCDD SSAN representative Maria Marquez provided Councilmembers with an update from the most recent SSAN meeting on March 9th and 9th, 2023. The next SSAN meeting will be on June 7th and 8th, 2023.

13. SCDD 2023-24 DRAFT BUDGET

Executive Director Carruthers presented the 2023-2024 SCDD draft budget. Information was provided for the current and upcoming fiscal years. Both years present a balanced budget. Executive Director Carruthers gave summaries on sections of the budget including personal services, general office expenses, communications services, in-state and out-of-state travel, training, facilities operations, utilities, information technology and community program development grants. Further updates will be provided at the May 2023 Council meeting and members will vote on whether to approve the budget for the new fiscal year.

The full presentation can be accessed at <https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/>.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting will be held on May 23, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 P.M.

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| Name | Action 1 Minutes | Action 2 Support Bills | Action 3 Bylaws | Action 4 Cycle 46 |
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| Ashe, Harold | For | For | For | For |
| Barnwell, Viviana | For | For | NP | For |
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| Brodie-Crumsey, Kilolo | For | For | For | For |
| Ellis, Michael | For | For | For | For |
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| Gaona, Julie | For | For | For | For |
| Garnica, Julio | For | For | For | For |
| Imparato, Andy | For | For | For | NP |
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| Ryan, Rosanna | For | For | For | For |
| Stahmer, Aubyn | For | For | For | For |
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AGENDA ITEM 8.

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SCDD 2023-2024 Budget

Councilmember Brian Winfield (DDS) is invited to present updates regarding the Governor's May Budget Revise for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024.

In March 2023, Executive Director Aaron Carruthers presented the draft 2023-2024 budget to the Council. For this item, Executive Director Carruthers will present any changes or updates from the March 2023 presentation. The revised draft SCDD 2023-2024 budget is included in the packet along with supporting materials for member consideration. The 2023-2024 fiscal year begins July 2023 and ends June 2024. Members will vote on whether to approve the 2023-2024 budget.

Attachments

Governor's 2023-24 May Revision Fact Sheet
Budget Cover Page
SCDD FY 2023-24 Proposed Budget

Handout(s)

SCDD May 2023 Budget PPT
May be additional handout(s) day of meeting.

Action Recommended

Adopt the 2023-2024 SCDD Budget.



GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S MAY REVISION

WHAT TO KNOW: Over the last several years, Governor Newsom and the Legislature invested hundreds of billions of dollars in the things Californians care about most: education, health care, public safety, housing and homelessness, and climate action. This year, amid global economic uncertainty, the Governor's balanced budget proposal protects those core investments while closing a \$32 billion shortfall and maintains robust financial reserves amid ongoing economic unpredictability.

Building on the balanced plan put forward in January to bridge the budget deficit, the May Revision acknowledges the national economic risks and closes the shortfall while sustaining core programs like education, health care and climate action.

Short-term fluctuations in revenues will not hinder the deep investments we have made in California and its future. With unprecedented investments over the past two state budgets, in addition to funding from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), California will invest more than \$180 billion over the next decade in clean energy, roads, bridges, public transit, water storage and conveyance, and affordable high-speed internet.

This budget outlines the priorities, policies and long-term investments that will guide the state's continued work to expand economic opportunity and build a safer, fairer and brighter future for all Californians.

STRONG FISCAL FOUNDATION

Managing national economic risks with smart fiscal action.

GROWING ECONOMIC RISKS. Increased risks to the budget have arisen since January, risks that could significantly change the state's fiscal trajectory in the near term, including:

- **FALLOUT FROM A DEBT LIMIT IMPASSE:** With Republicans threatening to default on the nation's debt to make massive cuts to essential programs that every American depends on, this creates a significant and immediate risk to the state and the global economy.
- **HIGHER INTEREST RATES:** Interest rates were raised by a quarter point to 5.25 percent (the tenth rate hike in the past year), which could affect the budget.



- **DELAYED TAX RECEIPTS FROM FALL FILING DEADLINES:** Roughly \$42 billion in scheduled tax receipts will be delayed until October 2023, adding uncertainty and risk to budget projections.

CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN PLANNING FOR THIS. California has been prudent with previous-year surpluses, building budget reserves and limiting expansion of expensive ongoing programs:

- **BUILDING RESERVES & BUDGET RESILIENCE:** With a focus on maintaining the ability to respond to an economic downturn, the May Revision maintains \$37.2 billion in budgetary reserves.
- **ONE-TIME SPENDING:** Previous budgets focused primarily on one-time instead of implementing costly long-term obligations.
- **PAYING DOWN DEBTS:** Previous budgets dedicated one-time windfalls to pay down billions in debt obligations, other debts and long-term liabilities.

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION

California is building an education system to match the changing needs of our students and parents, from cradle to career.

FREE MEALS FOR EVERY STUDENT. California is investing \$1.6 billion for all students, regardless of income, to access two free school meals per day – up to 12 million meals per day statewide.

A BRAND NEW GRADE: IMPLEMENTING UNIVERSAL TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN. Continues to fully fund the first and second years of expanded eligibility for TK, creating a whole new grade.

MORE AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE. Invests over \$2 billion to support subsidized child care slot availability, providing thousands more slots that are more affordable for parents.

BETTER, MORE AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION. Continues historic reinvestment into public universities through the higher education compacts that Gov. Newsom brokered with the UC, CSU, and the Community College systems – increasing seats, closing equity gaps, creating debt-free pathways, and improving job pipelines. The Budget proposed 5% increases to higher education systems – \$216 million for the UC and \$227 million for the CSU systems, ongoing.

MOVING TOWARD DEBT-FREE COLLEGE. Continues advancing programs like College Corps, Cal Grant, Middle Class Scholarships, and college savings accounts to cut costs of higher education.



MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOLS & TEACHERS. Fully funding the 2023-24 cost-of-living adjustment of 8.22%, providing additional resources for schools, teachers, and staff as costs have increased.

LCFF ACCOUNTABILITY & EQUITY MULTIPLIER. Leveraging all \$80 billion in Local Control Funding Formula money, California is improving the accountability system to better address low-performing student groups and school-level equity gaps, and adding an Equity Multiplier – a \$300 million investment in schools with the greatest need.

EXPANDING BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. MORE COUNSELORS ON CAMPUS. California continues to expand programs for kids before and after school. The state is also working to get more teachers and guidance counselors in the classroom.

TACKLING HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING SUPPLY

California is expanding our efforts to fight homelessness, clean up encampments and create more housing.

PROTECTING FUNDING TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS. Governor Newsom has invested \$15.3 billion to address homelessness – up from \$500 million when he took office and more than ever before in state history. The May Revision maintains billions of dollars for aid to local governments, encampment resolution grants, and more. With this funding will come new accountability – no more status quo.

INCREASING HOUSING SUPPLY. In the last four years, *California invested more to increase housing supply than ever before in state history* while holding local governments accountable. The state continues to deploy a comprehensive set of strategies – improving state financing, targeting housing investments, providing technical assistance, eliminating regulations, and leveraging land use tools. The state adopted a legally binding goal that local governments must plan to build approximately 2.5 million new units by 2030, and 1 million of these units must be affordable.

PROTECTING HEALTH CARE ACCESS

California is expanding access to health care for all, increasing investments in reproductive health care and behavioral health services, and fighting the fentanyl epidemic.



AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE. Following Governor Newsom's actions to expand health care access and reduce costs, the May Revision maintains billions to continue implementing these measures – programs like CalAIM to transform Medi-Cal, extending health care to low-income Californians of all ages regardless of immigration status, making insulin more affordable through CalRx, and more.

MORE FAMILY PLANNING & PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ABORTION. Maintaining over \$200 million for reproductive health care and adding an additional \$200 million for family planning services.

MORE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. Sustaining over \$8 billion to continue expanding behavioral health services, especially for children and youth – including the Master Plan for Kids' Mental Health.

CARE COURT. A \$291 million investment for ongoing costs to fully implement the CARE Act, Governor Newsom's nation-leading approach to get those dealing with untreated and severe mental health disorders – who too often suffer in homelessness or incarceration – the help they need.

INCREASING ACCESS TO NALOXONE. Investing an additional \$172 million in the state's Naloxone distribution efforts over four years to ensure Californians continue to have the resources, outreach, and support they need as the state fights the ongoing opioid epidemic.

SUPPORTING PUBLIC & NONPROFIT HOSPITALS. Creating a new Distressed Hospital Loan Program to provide \$150 million in zero-interest loans to help public and not-for-profit hospitals at risk of closure due to extreme financial distress stay open, particularly in rural and disadvantaged communities.

FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

California is leading the world in transitioning away from big polluters and toward clean energy, while protecting Californians from extreme weather like flooding and wildfires.

CALIFORNIA'S CLIMATE COMMITMENT. California is advancing a \$48 billion multi-year commitment to implement its world-leading agenda to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045, protect communities from harmful oil drilling, deliver 90% clean electricity by 2035, and more. It also proposes the development of a Climate Resilience Bond to increase and sustain investments in our climate initiatives.

ACCELERATING THE TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGY & CUTTING POLLUTION. The May Revision invests tens of billions of dollars to get more Californians into zero-emission vehicles, build more clean energy capacity, and dramatically cut pollution by reducing our dependence on dirty fossil fuels.



PROTECTING CALIFORNIANS FROM EXTREME WEATHER LIKE FLOODING & WILDFIRES. California continues to face extreme weather conditions, and the May Revision prioritizes keeping people safe from wildfires, drought, extreme heat, and flooding. The May Revision includes \$290 million in new investments focused on urban flood risk reduction, Central Valley flood protection, and floodplain restoration. It also maintains \$2.7 billion for wildfire and forest resilience.

KEEPING CALIFORNIANS SAFE

More resources to support law enforcement, get guns off the streets, and combat the fentanyl crisis.

PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN. The May Revision sustains over \$800 million in record-level public safety investments, including supports for victims' services, officer wellness and training, non-profit security grants, efforts to combat fentanyl, and more.

CRACKING DOWN ON FENTANYL, ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT & OTHER CRIMES. Sustains investments to bolster law enforcement efforts to address retail theft and other crimes, helping local agencies:

- Implement and expand anti-theft, anti-crime, and retail theft task forces
- Provide body cameras for CHP officers
- Combat fentanyl and expand drug interdiction
- Improve prosecution efforts
- Combat human trafficking and child sexual exploitation
- Get guns off the street

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Supporting businesses and workers throughout California with billions in continued investments to continue growing the economy and provide more opportunities to thrive.

RURAL & INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC AGENDA. Investing in rural communities and industrial economies, the May Revision will maintain hundreds of millions of dollars for development, local government projects, business and workforce development grants, and more. This includes \$250 million for Fresno's Infrastructure Plan and \$100 million for agricultural business grants.

ADVANCING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. Invests \$2.1 billion to create new workforce development programs and expand existing programs throughout the state.



REBUILDING CALIFORNIA

Unprecedented investments over the past two state budgets, in addition to funding from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE. More than \$180 billion over the next ten years in clean energy, roads, bridges, public transit, water storage and conveyance, and faster internet for all Californians.

CREATING JOBS. Hundreds of thousands of new jobs building the infrastructure to make Californians more mobile, better connected, safer and more prepared for our future.

STREAMLINING REGULATIONS. Build more, build faster, train more workers, build the projects we need to reach our ambitious climate goals, ensure availability of clean water, improve mobility and transportation, and increase access to fast internet for all Californians.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities State Fiscal Year 2023-24 BSG Budget

The Council is asked to approve the State Fiscal Year 2023-24 Basic State Grant Budget. To best inform this decision, staff wish to report that the following changes were made since the draft budget was shared with the Council in March:

- The department can confirm a modest increase to our Basic State Grant of \$77,000. The proposed SFY 2023-24 includes this increased amount and applies the additional funding in the following areas:
 - A net increase of \$11,000 for salaries and benefits
 - \$25,000 added to the In-state Travel line item
 - \$40,000 added to the Community Grants line item
- Given anticipated in-person Council meetings, staff recommends adjusting the in-state travel line item to accommodate likely increased costs and expenditures in the coming year

The Quality Assessment project budget will decrease by a net \$254,000. This is a result of decreased interviewer costs compared to SFY 2022-23, offset by increased printing and postage costs planned for SFY 2023-24.

No budget changes are anticipated for the Clients' Rights Advocates/Volunteer Advocacy program in SFY 2023-24.

As the Council is aware, the department received a one-time \$5 million appropriation as part of the 2022 Budget Act. The funding will support grants and operational costs for a Supported Decision-making Technical Assistance Program. The proposed budget display now includes this program's budget. Subsequent budget presentations will include SDM-TAP expenditures reports merely for the Council's information and awareness.

The total SFY 2023-24 SCDD Budget from the program funding sources listed here is \$18,365,000.

We also wish to update the Council on a number of other interagency agreements, grants, and contracts available for expenditure in the upcoming fiscal year. These include:

- A portion of re-allocated Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 vaccine grant dollars resulting from other state councils not spending their respective grant awards. While we are awaiting the final reallocation, we understand California will receive a portion of \$121,000 in unspent funds.
- An interagency agreement from DDS for supporting the Statewide Self-determination Advisory Committee. This is a five-year agreement (\$215,000 annually), and funds personnel to organize and facilitate meetings as well as prepare reports and other written deliverables.
- A contract with USC-Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA) in support of their Consortium for Public Health Initiatives grant with the Department of Developmental Services. The consortium will include the USC UCEDD, UCLA Tarjan Center, and UC Davis, SCDD, developmental disabilities state and federal partners, self-advocate organizations, and other disability rights and advocacy, and community-based organizations, including county and state public health departments, and healthcare organizations such as Federally Qualified Health Centers.

The contract provides \$106,000 for SCDD to support and facilitate aspects of the consortium’s work to ensure maximum participation and accommodated engagement from people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The agreement expires on January 31, 2024.

- In 2022, SCDD received a \$95,000 grant from the federal Administration on Community Living to support ongoing work related to COVID-19. The Public Health Workforce grant provides funding to recruit, hire, and train public health workers to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for future public health challenges. We will use this funding in SFY 2023-24 to support our Vaccine Program Manager, Mirna Leal, in working with local governments, community partners, health organizations, and others to address barriers to vaccine access and provide vaccine education and outreach information to those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.



State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Proposed Budget

| Categories | Council Budget | SCDD Budget - Other Sources | | | TOTAL |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| | *Basic State Grant | Quality Assessment | Clients' Rights Advocates/ Volunteer Advocacy | Supported Decision- making Technical Assistance Program | |
| | Federal Grant | State Contract | State Contract | Budget Act of 2022 2-Year Budget | |
| 1. Personal Services: | | | | | |
| Net Salaries & Wages | \$ 4,245,000 | \$ 1,496,000 | \$ 833,000 | \$ 474,000 | \$ 7,048,000 |
| Temporary Help / Honorarium | \$ 60,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 60,000 |
| Worker's Compensation | \$ 55,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 65,000 |
| Staff Benefits | \$ 2,016,000 | \$ 711,000 | \$ 413,000 | \$ 258,000 | \$ 3,398,000 |
| Less 5% Salary Savings From Vacancies | \$ (212,000) | | | | \$ (212,000) |
| Total Personal Services | \$ 6,164,000 | \$ 2,210,000 | \$ 1,251,000 | \$ 734,000 | \$ 10,359,000 |
| 2. Operating Expense and Equipment: | | | | | |
| General Expense | \$ 60,000 | \$ 18,395 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 95,395 |
| Printing | \$ 40,000 | \$ 562,000 | \$ 9,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 617,000 |
| Communications | \$ 70,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 132,000 |
| Postage | \$ 12,000 | \$ 280,830 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 299,830 |
| Travel-in-State : | \$ 175,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 32,000 | \$ 16,000 | \$ 228,000 |
| Out-of-State Travel | \$ 8,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,000 |
| Training (Tuition and Registration) | \$ 35,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 63,000 |
| Facilities Operations (Rent) | \$ 550,000 | \$ 282,000 | \$ 24,000 | \$ - | \$ 856,000 |
| Utilities | \$ 8,000 | \$ 2,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10,000 |
| Interdepartmental Services | \$ 250,000 | \$ 164,000 | \$ 134,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 554,000 |
| External Contract Services | \$ 100,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 1,186,000 | \$ 1,319,000 |
| Information Technology | \$ 230,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 45,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 337,000 |
| Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP) | \$ 25,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 25,000 |
| Other Items of Expense | \$ 5,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 132,000 | \$ 3,000,000 | \$ 3,162,000 |
| Total Operating Expense and Equipment | \$ 1,568,000 | \$ 1,462,225 | \$ 410,000 | \$ 4,266,000 | \$ 7,706,000 |
| 3. Community Grants / Other Projects | \$ 300,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 300,000 |
| 4. Total SCDD Budget by Source | \$ 8,032,000 | \$ 3,672,000 | \$ 1,661,000 | \$ 5,000,000 | \$ 18,365,000 |
| 5. Total Basic State Grant Award | \$ 8,034,000 | | | | |
| 6. Difference between Total Council Budget and Basic State Grant Award | \$ 2,000 | | | | |
| *Footnotes | | | | | |
| Cash Reserve | \$ 1,750,000 | | | | |
| Estimated Unexpended Funds Available | \$ 345,000 | | | | |

MAY 23, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 9.
INFORMATION ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Executive Director Report and Staff Reports

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will provide Councilmembers with an oral report regarding recent Council activities. Additionally, SCDD Staff reports have been included in the packet for informational purposes.

Attachments

- Chief Deputy Director Report
- Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Report
- Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations Report
- C.R.A./V.A.S. Update Report
- QA Project Update Report

Handout

- Executive Director Report

Chief Deputy Director's Report: May 2023

The Chief Deputy Director (CDD) continues overseeing operational matters, in concert with staff, and identifying organizational tools to assist the team. Time also has been spent meeting with staff, management, and external partners on various programs, program policy, and implementation, including the Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program (SDM TAP). Other projects include collaborative conversations with DDS partners regarding the CRA/VAS and QA programs, and other opportunities/project ideas regarding employment and quality assessment surveys. Conversations address funding and contracting matters as well as program efficiencies such as digital surveying strategies.

The Chief Deputy Director continues to facilitate and oversee SCDD's administrative functions such as budget management, contracts, and day-to-day operations.

Program

- Participated in bi-weekly meetings with the full regional management team.
- Continuing to work with the Department of Social Services regarding technical budget operations in response to the departure of SCDD's budget manager.
- Met with AB 1663 co-sponsors and the coalition to discuss and plan SMD TAP implementation and worked with the Department of Finance to secure allocation of the program's funding (i.e., \$5 million).
- Began a recruitment for three personnel to support and operate the SDM-TAP program. Interviews are in process for both the two grants analyst positions and a supervisor.

Administrative

- Reviewed several program and administrative contracts for approval.
- Reviewed and approved numerous invoices for program, administrative, and operational services.
- Resolved several state data system access and utilization problems on behalf of staff and management and worked closely with state-level information security personnel to manage against increasing cybersecurity threats.

Personnel

- Successfully hired a new budget office and operations manager, Lynn Villoria. Lynn has already demonstrated an incredible aptitude for the role and is effectively managing our fiscal year-end budget, as well as identifying budget tools and techniques that will be helpful for staff and managers as we begin the new fiscal year.
- Successfully hired a new Vaccine Project Manager, Mirna Leal. Mirna brings a unique skill and experiential set of healthcare, I/DD, and management experience that will facilitate the close of our CDC vaccine grant as well as effectively utilize our Public Health worker grant.
- We welcomed Robin Maitino as the SSDAC and HQ Operations manager. Robin has been a critical presence with SCDD for many years, and we are thrilled to have her in this complex role of facilitating and coordinating the work of the Statewide Self-determination Advisory Committee, as well as serve in a management capacity overseeing SCDD's business services and contracts functions.
- We said "goodbye" to Victoria Schlussler, SCDD's Business Services Analyst as she took a new position with the Department of Parks and Recreation local

grants program. Victoria was a remarkable, contributing member of the headquarters team and approached every challenge and task with a confident “can-do” manner. Victoria brought creativity, attention to detail, and a thoroughness to the role that will be hard to replicate. The Chief Deputy Director will be working closely with the HQ Operations Manger to backfill this position.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR, POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UPDATE (SDM-TAP)

SCDD is building the team for the program with three limited term staff positions.

We are also in ongoing stakeholder meetings with DRC and the UCD MIND Institute this spring and summer. We plan to grow our stakeholder outreach to include community conversations statewide, the AB 1663 coalition members, relevant state agencies and departments. Throughout all of these meetings we will be seeking important feedback and recommendations from self-advocates, family advocates and professionals in the field.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY UPDATE

EMPLOYMENT 1ST OFFICE PROPOSAL- SPONSORED

We continue to work on employment as one of our priorities for 2023. Aaron Carruthers continued to advocate for the proposal in the Senate and Assembly Budget committees and the Employment 1st Office coalition meets weekly, developing plain language explainers and meeting with key stakeholders, departments and individuals from regional centers, venders/providers and employers and self-advocates to help inform the proposal and map out the process as experienced by all.

SB 37 (Caballero) Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act- SPONSORED

This bill is a continuation of last year's work to prevent homelessness among aging adults and people with disabilities. The coalition meets weekly and is currently working to find budget support for the bill and a co-author.

Support Legislation

- ✓ This year we are tracking supported and sponsored bills as they move through policy and fiscal committees. This includes submitting support letters to policy and fiscal committees and listening/attending hearings. We also attended and coordinated coalition meetings to ensure support of the bills we are sponsoring.

✓ To date, we have:

- 2 bills that have made it to the opposite house and are awaiting to be assigned to policy committees in the Senate. (AB 248, AB87)
- 4 bills that are awaiting review in the fiscal Appropriations Committee (SB 271, AB 1568, AB 1567, SB 37)
- 2 bills in that are in Suspense (AB 280, AB 447, AB 222)
- 2 bills in Appropriations- Consent (AB 946, SB 246)
- 1 bill that has not moved from its first assigned committee (AB 244)
- 1 bill that has been moved to a 2-year bill (SB 483). We will collaborate with DRC via LPPC Safety for All to create language for the bill.

COMMITTEES

Employment First Committee EFC

✓ SMART Workgroup

- Provided guidance on past target priorities to discuss and select new priorities for the group to work on in 2023
- Coordinated meetings
- Created a recruitment letter and held discussions on best way to recruit new EFC members
- Assisted Workgroup in creating survey that can assist in recruiting new members online
- Facilitated discussion on diversifying the committee and creating roles and responsibilities of EFC Members

✓ Meetings/Annual Report

- Provided technical support for meetings i.e. agendas
- Created EFC Annual Report Timeline and writing assignments
- This year the EFC Committee wanted to change the EFC Annual Report. We led a discussion on what the new outline of the report will look like and the new sections the report will contain.
- We met with different EFC Members and SME's to gather research that will be included in the report.

LPPC

- Provided technical support for meetings, including agendas
- Met with different stakeholders to coordinate presentations and information sessions on Safety for All topics. These discussions will assist in creating legislative priorities in safety in 2024.
- Led presentation and discussion on legislative priorities for 2023

RAC Meetings

- Created presentations of legislative priorities
- Led presentation and discussion on legislative priorities for 2023

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

OUTREACH

- ✓ March News & Events email blast had messaging that highlighted Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month #DDAM2023. In celebration of this year's theme: *Beyond the Conversation*—the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities created a social media campaign to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life and showcase the excellent work being done to celebrate and improve their lives. NACDD featured resources and materials from their partners in their [DDAM Resource Guide 2023](#). SCDD contributed the following two reports to the resource guide: [Plan to Phase Out Subminimum Wages: The SB 639 Report](#) and [The Bill Ideas Report 2022](#). Messaging was disseminated to over 11,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature via Constant Contact, and posted to the Council's primary social media pages

PLAN TO PHASE OUT SUBMINIMUM WAGES

SB 639 (2021, Durazo) is the California law passed in 2021. It addresses an outdated federal policy from the 1930s that allows employers who secured a 14c certificate the ability to pay people with disabilities below the minimum wage. SB 639 will end subminimum wages for people with disabilities by January 1, 2025.

The law required a January 1, 2023, report from the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities with recommendations about how to phase out subminimum wages through competitive integrated employment. Attached is the complete report: Transition Plan to Phase Out Subminimum Wages: SB 639 (2021, Durazo)



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TRANSITION PLAN TO PHASE OUT
SUBMINIMUM WAGES: SB 639 (2021, Durazo)

Issue Date: January 1, 2023

BILLS IDEA CONTEST

In 2021, the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities created the annual There Should Be a Law Contest! This contest encourages California residents to participate in systems change advocacy by suggesting ways to improve daily life for people with disabilities by proposing new legislation or changes to existing legislation. Attached is the complete report: Bills Idea Report 2022



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BILL IDEAS REPORT 2022

Annual Stakeholder Input on Issues Affecting the Disability Community and Possible Solutions

Issue Date: January 1, 2023

- ✓ March emergency winter storm shelter information and shelter updates. Messaging included information from CalOES and the American Red Cross with a list of open shelters, including a real-time map of shelters in the flood risk counties. Messaging was disseminated to over 11,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature via Constant Contact, and posted to the Council's primary social media pages
- ✓ Assisted with the Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program (SDM-TAP) Recruitment. Comms developed creative to advertise the Grants Management Supervisor and Grants Management Analyst positions for SDM-TAP. Messaging was disseminated to over 11,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature via Constant Contact, and posted to the Council's primary social media pages:
 - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CalSCDD/status/1636168421091196928>
 - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=594599069378222&set=p_b.100064844014593.-2207520000.&type=3

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/69163717/admin/>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cp2ub9PrjAX/>
- ✓ April News & Events email blast included a special message about Medi-Cal eligibility reviews beginning on April 1st and the RFP for the Council's Cycle 46 Program Development Grant. Messaging was disseminated to over 11,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature via Constant Contact, and posted to the Council's primary social media pages:
 - ✓ Participated in legislative outreach planning meetings and assisted regional offices, SCDD committees, and partners with disseminating information about existing and upcoming initiatives (including webinars and live in-person events) via statewide email or social media.
 - ✓ Comms contributed useful tools to help support the coalition of sponsors and co-sponsors of SB 37 (Caballero) The Older Adults & Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act for use in email and social media posts:
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CalSCDD/status/1638388353203859456>

SB 37

The Older Adults & Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act
PASSED THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING 10-0!

SB 37 Would provide a rent subsidy targeted to older adults and adults with disabilities who are homeless or are at high risk of homelessness.
[View the fact sheet here: http://bit.ly/3yVb2NN](http://bit.ly/3yVb2NN)

Bill Author
Senator Anna Caballero

Co-Sponsors
California State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Corporation for Supportive Housing
Justice in Aging
LeadingAge California
United Way of Greater Los Angeles

BRANDING

- ✓ Completed: SSDAC – An easy-to-understand flow-chart for the Self-Determination Program (flow-chart for prospective participants) to provide a brief overview of the program. Created with input from the SDP DEAP in collaboration with an SDP Participant/graphic designer. The flow-chart is available in the following languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin (simplified Chinese), Hmong, Armenian; Russian; Tagalog; Korean, Farsi, Arabic, & Khmer.
- ✓ In Progress: Suite of SCDD branded design elements for staff wide use

REPORT FROM: TANIA MORAWIEC DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANNING & REGIONAL OFFICE OPERATIONS REPORT RANGE 3/8/23-5/5/23

Regional Events and Highlights

Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference

SCDD Council Members and staff are coming out in force to present at and support May's "Leaping Forward" Conference in Sacramento (5/12-5/13)! SCDD's Wesley Witherspoon is Saturday's keynote speaker. Peter Mendoza (Sacramento CPSII) is conducting two sessions and Riana Hardin (Sacramento State Plan Team) is facilitating sessions. Dena Hernandez (North Valley Regional Manager) is supporting the SA group SAC 6 and Anne De Medeiros (Sacramento Regional Manager) is hosting an exhibit table and highlighting SCDD's work!

Choices Conference

The annual Choices Conference was held in Stockton on 4/14/23. This celebratory event brought together 100s of self-advocates to share personal stories of self-determination, independent living, mental health recovery and employment! The event included a small business/microenterprise fair where people could sell their products and art. Many personal connections were made and inspiration from peer accomplishments energized the attendees. Nothing about us without us!





Competitive Integrated Employment Community of Practice

SCDD is part of the solution to increased employment for people who have disabilities! Help us spread the word about this great, FREE learning opportunity.

SCDD secured national technical assistance through the U.S. Dpt. of Labor NEON grant (National Expansion of Employment Opportunities Network) and Administration of Community Living's Disability Employment TA Center. The focus is on California's transition out of subminimum wage by maximizing national best practices in California. These include focused, national subject matter expert (SME) led technical assistance on how to leverage state and federal funding for braiding and sequencing competitive integrated employment funding and the developing of our CoP. Optimizing braided funding between government agencies is rooted in value-based purchasing which focuses on funding services that secure desired outcomes like competitive integrated employment and job retention.

The CA CoP, led by a national SME, targets diverse stakeholders like employment providers, regional center employees, and other direct service staff involved in 14-c transition. The content includes work incentives/benefits planning, change management, customized employment, individualized services, business bottom-line enhancing employer education and outreach, and self-employment. CoP content is

strategically designed to respond to CA stakeholder areas of interest identified in SB 639 phase-out focus groups and other disability employment related initiatives. The CoP provides an opportunity to introduce new resources, share national best practice, identify CA innovation, explore challenges and celebrate achievements in real time as services evolve

Staff development is the most critical element to quality services. Development opportunities are available in many formats. A Community of Practice (CoP) is a powerful and effective means to support our staff. The CoP will provide a forum for sharing best practice while allowing members to problem solve with colleagues. Customizing the experience to the needs of the group, while supporting the individual team member provides for sustainable improvement in the quality of services. A CoP can be a “lifeline” for staff to stay engaged in their work and remain in a position.

Community of Practice Leader, Subject Matter Expert, Rick McAllister

Rick McAllister has over 40 years of leadership experience. He utilizes strategic and tactical insights in providing consultation and technical assistance to organizations facing complex operational, management, and business challenges. Rick’s ability to connect with participants demonstrates his understanding of the daily demands associated with service provision from having served in varying positions over his career. These positions have included program and department management as well as executive roles within agencies and statewide initiatives. Throughout his career, Rick has maintained an extensive focus on employment services, leadership development and systems change. Rick has provided hands-on technical assistance to Federal, State and County funded Employment Initiatives, and has successfully conducted hundreds of training programs across the United States and internationally. He has facilitated professional development and conducted mentoring sessions for emerging leaders for over 30 years.

Registration link:

[SB639 – CA NEON | SCDD](#)

7 Sessions, 2.5 hours, Wednesdays, time 9:00-11:30 AM

Session 1

Benefits-Paid employment does not necessarily mean people lose their benefits. A certified Work Incentives Planner explores how earned income

may impact Title 2 (SSI & Childhood Disability Benefits BDB/SSDI) for people who have disabilities and how people typically earn more money when employed. 6/28/2023

Session 2

Customized Employment/Discovery/job shadow as a tool for discovery. There is often a disconnect between best practice and implementation-How do you meaningfully engage in discovery? Explore these issues and how it becomes manageable for an organization.

7/12/23

Session 3

Job development/job customization/business bottom line: How to supervise and implement employer development efforts

7/19/23

Session 4

Job retention coaching and systematic instruction are important. Reconcile the need for support with the reality that it is hard to find.

7/26/23

Session 5

MH/co-occurring focus-disclosure, accommodations, IPS, Paula Toblar from Disability Rights California

8/2/23

Session 6

Ask me anything/Ask the expert session. A panel of 3 or 4 SMEs answer questions from the community.

8/9/23

Session 7

Wrap up-transition planning, discussion of CoP efficacy and on-going needs 8/16/23

CRA/VAS

SCDD AT WORK INSIDE CALIFORNIA DDS STATE-OPERATED FACILITIES

CENSUS as of May 1, 2023: 215

(Porterville DC, Canyon Springs CF, and Desert STAR)

SCDD and DDS renewed the interagency agreement providing CRA/VAS services to individuals residing in and transitioning from the DDS state operated facilities and on-site STAR units for another five year cycle. VAS services were extended from twelve to twenty-four months post placement. SCDD and DDS originally collaborated to provide CRA/VAS services for individuals in five developmental centers and two community facilities beginning in 1998.



Program Activity for March and April 2023

Canyon Springs Community Facility and Desert STAR Unit

CRA attended 7 client meetings, conducted 2 rights training for staff and 4 self-advocacy trainings via client council, reviewed 5 denial of rights, 6 court appearances and created Advocacy Avenues newsletter with the clients to showcase current issues at the facilities. VAS is serving 37 clients at CS and STAR and in the community this period. VAS participated in 22 client meetings and conducted 4 self-advocacy trainings. VAS advocating for individual with current hospitalizations for staff training on diet restrictions prior to release from acute care. VAS notes increased transition activity from Regional Centers for DS residents.



Census
Canyon Springs: 33

Desert STAR: 7

Porterville Developmental Center

CRA cross-trained with our team at Canyon Springs this reporting period. The CRA facilitated a discussion on end of life decisions for an individual and their decision maker. CRA attended 12 client meetings, conducted rights training for staff and 1 self-advocacy training through People First, reviewed 5 denial of rights, and 4 human right/behavior management committees. VAS facilitated a family visit for an individual in the community, trained community staff on client rights and responsibilities and lesser restrictive alternatives. advocated with the CS VAS for successful transition of individuals into PDC territory. Two ARFPSHN homes were evacuated to PDC sub acute due to severe flooding and road closures. Central Valley STAR evacuated and werwe housed on Unit 206 due to severe flooding and road closures. VASC connected with the evacuees. All returned to home sites.



Census
Porterville: 175



Quality Assessment Project (QAP) Report

May 2023

Cycle: In-Person Survey (IPS)

As we near the end of the IPS, six months into its implementation, **7,856** individuals and/or their proxies have been surveyed statewide by over 200 independent contractors. The target for all 21 regional centers remains at 400 each, for a statewide goal of 8400 surveys. Nineteen (19) of the twenty-one (21) regional centers have already met or exceeded the April goal of 300 surveys completed. We are on target to reach each Regional Center goal by June 30th, end of cycle. **See Figure 1 and Table 1** for Regional Center progress breakdown.

Surveys continue to be conducted with individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) and/or proxies who have been identified as knowing the individual well. Proxies can include family members, friends, and service providers. Those eligible to participate in the survey are adults who receive at least one regional center funded service in addition to case management. Participation in these surveys remain voluntary.

Currently, surveys have been conducted in **English, Spanish, Mandarin, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Hmong, Russian and various other languages**. To see the breakdown by language, see **Table 3**.

Throughout this cycle, SCDD is offering the choice to have the surveys completed by video conference or face to face at the location preferred by the respondent. To date, statewide 60% of respondents preferred to have surveys completed by videoconference, while 40% chose the option of face to face. To view survey mode breakdown by regional center, see **Figure 5 and Table 2**.

Progress by Race/Ethnicity:

For the 2022-2023 cycle, DDS has chosen to enhance data collection with a focus on obtaining a sample from each regional center that has proportionate representation from five ethn racial groups (i.e., African American/Black, Asian, Hispanic, White, and Other).

To ensure balanced representation of individuals who are receiving services from all 21 regional centers is obtained, the regional center sample of 400 was divided among the five ethn racial categories based on the percentage of the regional center population that is identified as a member of that group. See **Figures 2, 3 and 4** for regional center progress by Race/Ethnicity.

Figure 1: Completed Surveys by Regional Center

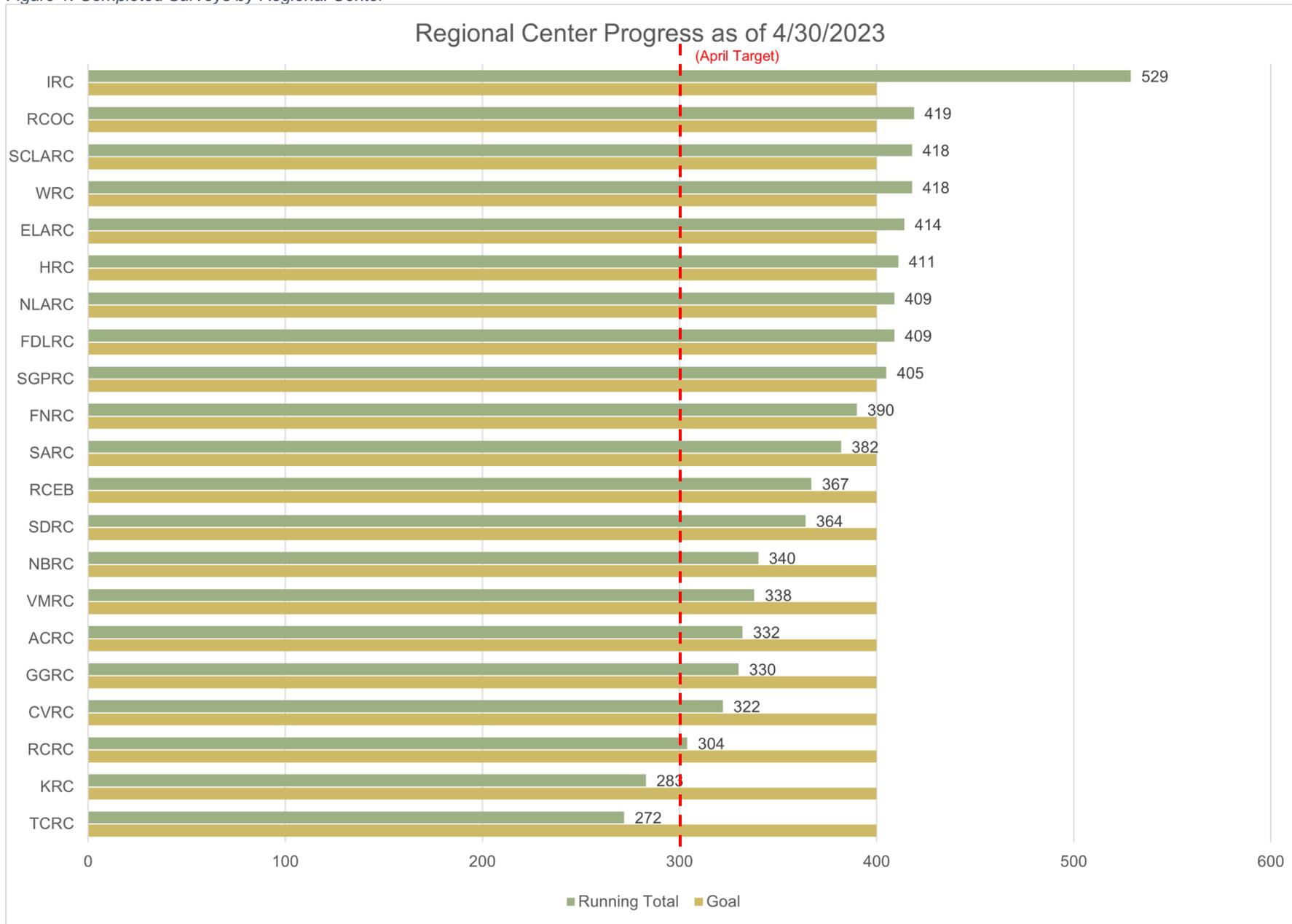


Table 1: Progress by Regional Center (as of 4/30/2023)

| Regional Center | Goal | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | YTD Complete | % Toward Goal |
|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| ACRC | 400 | 33 | 60 | 57 | 67 | 80 | 35 | 332 | 83% |
| CVRC | 400 | 64 | 36 | 67 | 54 | 72 | 29 | 322 | 81% |
| ELARC | 400 | 69 | 75 | 153 | 84 | 32 | 1 | 414 | 104% |
| FDLRC | 400 | 32 | 50 | 71 | 51 | 126 | 79 | 409 | 102% |
| FNRC | 400 | 13 | 37 | 43 | 71 | 108 | 118 | 390 | 98% |
| GGRC | 400 | 33 | 67 | 63 | 54 | 77 | 36 | 330 | 83% |
| HRC | 400 | 12 | 100 | 81 | 87 | 92 | 39 | 411 | 103% |
| IRC | 400 | 45 | 55 | 143 | 112 | 100 | 74 | 529 | 132% |
| KRC | 400 | 31 | 25 | 59 | 73 | 30 | 65 | 283 | 71% |
| NBRC | 400 | 3 | 16 | 34 | 92 | 80 | 115 | 340 | 85% |
| NLACRC | 400 | 51 | 50 | 68 | 161 | 75 | 4 | 409 | 102% |
| RCEB | 400 | 51 | 50 | 53 | 48 | 104 | 61 | 367 | 92% |
| RCOC | 400 | 38 | 73 | 59 | 76 | 93 | 80 | 419 | 105% |
| RCRC | 400 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 23 | 81 | 177 | 304 | 76% |
| SARC | 400 | 38 | 77 | 54 | 93 | 81 | 39 | 382 | 96% |
| SCLARC | 400 | 32 | 45 | 69 | 59 | 171 | 42 | 418 | 105% |
| SDRC | 400 | 27 | 55 | 80 | 60 | 71 | 71 | 364 | 91% |
| SGPRC | 400 | 40 | 108 | 132 | 101 | 22 | 2 | 405 | 101% |
| TCRC | 400 | 11 | 11 | 45 | 62 | 62 | 81 | 272 | 68% |
| VMRC | 400 | 30 | 59 | 68 | 62 | 38 | 81 | 338 | 85% |
| WRC | 400 | 32 | 31 | 65 | 90 | 72 | 128 | 418 | 105% |
| Statewide | 8400 | 689 | 1089 | 1474 | 1580 | 1667 | 1357 | 7856 | 94% |

For Statewide and Regional Center Reports regarding past completed survey cycles, please go to: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/nci/>

Figure 2: Progress by RC and Race Ethnicity as of 4/30/2023

| | Goal | Complete | % Goal |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Alta California | 399 | 332 | |
| Asian | 29 | 29 | 100% |
| Black | 48 | 46 | 96% |
| Hispanic | 54 | 47 | 87% |
| Other | 38 | 35 | 92% |
| White | 230 | 175 | 76% |
| Central Valley | 400 | 322 | |
| Asian | 24 | 12 | 50% |
| Black | 30 | 28 | 93% |
| Hispanic | 186 | 178 | 96% |
| Other | 20 | 14 | 70% |
| White | 140 | 90 | 64% |
| East Bay | 399 | 367 | |
| Asian | 62 | 59 | 95% |
| Black | 84 | 48 | 57% |
| Hispanic | 65 | 72 | 111% |
| Other | 40 | 44 | 110% |
| White | 148 | 144 | 97% |
| Eastern LA | 399 | 414 | |
| Asian | 51 | 52 | 102% |
| Black | 7 | 8 | 114% |
| Hispanic | 274 | 278 | 101% |
| Other | 14 | 17 | 121% |
| White | 53 | 59 | 111% |
| Far Northern | 399 | 390 | |
| Asian | 9 | 10 | 111% |
| Black | 10 | 11 | 110% |
| Hispanic | 32 | 41 | 128% |
| Other | 26 | 27 | 104% |
| White | 322 | 301 | 93% |
| Frank D. Lanterman | 401 | 409 | |
| Asian | 53 | 56 | 106% |
| Black | 37 | 39 | 105% |
| Hispanic | 161 | 161 | 100% |
| Other | 12 | 13 | 108% |
| White | 138 | 140 | 101% |
| Golden Gate | 401 | 330 | |
| Asian | 96 | 65 | 68% |
| Black | 41 | 46 | 112% |
| Hispanic | 66 | 57 | 86% |
| Other | 36 | 36 | 100% |
| White | 162 | 126 | 78% |

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Figure 3: Progress by RC and Race/Ethnicity as of 4/30/2023 (Continued)

| | | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------|
| Harbor | 399 | 411 | |
| Asian | 53 | 55 | 104% |
| Black | 53 | 55 | 104% |
| Hispanic | 143 | 149 | 104% |
| Other | 34 | 35 | 103% |
| White | 116 | 117 | 101% |
| Inland | 400 | 529 | |
| Asian | 17 | 26 | 153% |
| Black | 53 | 53 | 100% |
| Hispanic | 175 | 252 | 144% |
| Other | 18 | 17 | 94% |
| White | 137 | 181 | 132% |
| Kern | 400 | 291 | |
| Asian | 10 | 5 | 50% |
| Black | 43 | 43 | 100% |
| Hispanic | 155 | 144 | 93% |
| Other | 25 | 17 | 68% |
| White | 167 | 82 | 49% |
| North Bay | 400 | 340 | |
| Asian | 25 | 15 | 60% |
| Black | 43 | 27 | 63% |
| Hispanic | 72 | 59 | 82% |
| Other | 38 | 35 | 92% |
| White | 222 | 204 | 92% |
| North LA County | 401 | 409 | |
| Asian | 26 | 26 | 100% |
| Black | 46 | 46 | 100% |
| Hispanic | 153 | 157 | 103% |
| Other | 17 | 18 | 106% |
| White | 159 | 162 | 102% |
| Orange County | 400 | 419 | |
| Asian | 60 | 60 | 100% |
| Black | 9 | 12 | 133% |
| Hispanic | 111 | 90 | 81% |
| Other | 38 | 38 | 100% |
| White | 182 | 219 | 120% |
| Redwood Coast | 401 | 304 | |
| Asian | 5 | 5 | 100% |
| Black | 8 | 8 | 100% |
| Hispanic | 37 | 42 | 114% |
| Other | 32 | 19 | 59% |
| White | 319 | 230 | 72% |

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Figure 4: Progress by RC and Race/Ethnicity as of 4/30/2023 (continued)

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| San Andreas | 401 | 382 | |
| Asian | 77 | 77 | 100% |
| Black | 13 | 13 | 100% |
| Hispanic | 123 | 131 | 107% |
| Other | 33 | 31 | 94% |
| White | 155 | 130 | 84% |
| San Diego | 399 | 364 | |
| Asian | 29 | 31 | 107% |
| Black | 31 | 32 | 103% |
| Hispanic | 137 | 121 | 88% |
| Other | 36 | 37 | 103% |
| White | 166 | 143 | 86% |
| San Gabriel/Pomona | 400 | 405 | |
| Asian | 47 | 49 | 104% |
| Black | 31 | 33 | 106% |
| Hispanic | 203 | 204 | 100% |
| Other | 23 | 23 | 100% |
| White | 96 | 96 | 100% |
| South Central LA | 401 | 418 | |
| Asian | 5 | 7 | 140% |
| Black | 128 | 132 | 103% |
| Hispanic | 240 | 249 | 104% |
| Other | 10 | 12 | 120% |
| White | 18 | 18 | 100% |
| Tri-Counties | 400 | 276 | |
| Asian | 14 | 6 | 43% |
| Black | 11 | 9 | 82% |
| Hispanic | 134 | 102 | 76% |
| Other | 28 | 18 | 64% |
| White | 213 | 141 | 66% |
| Valley Mountain | 401 | 338 | |
| Asian | 30 | 24 | 80% |
| Black | 40 | 41 | 103% |
| Hispanic | 116 | 106 | 91% |
| Other | 30 | 29 | 97% |
| White | 185 | 138 | 75% |
| Westside | 400 | 418 | |
| Asian | 19 | 20 | 105% |
| Black | 112 | 117 | 104% |
| Hispanic | 121 | 122 | 101% |
| Other | 37 | 41 | 111% |
| White | 111 | 118 | 106% |
| | Goal | Complete | % Goal |
| Report Totals | 8399 | 7868 | 94% |
| Asian | 741 | 689 | 93% |
| Black | 877 | 847 | 97% |
| Hispanic | 2759 | 2762 | 100% |
| Other | 585 | 556 | 95% |
| White | 3437 | 3014 | 88% |

Figure 5: Survey Mode by Regional Center (Face to Face vs Videoconference)- n=7,814

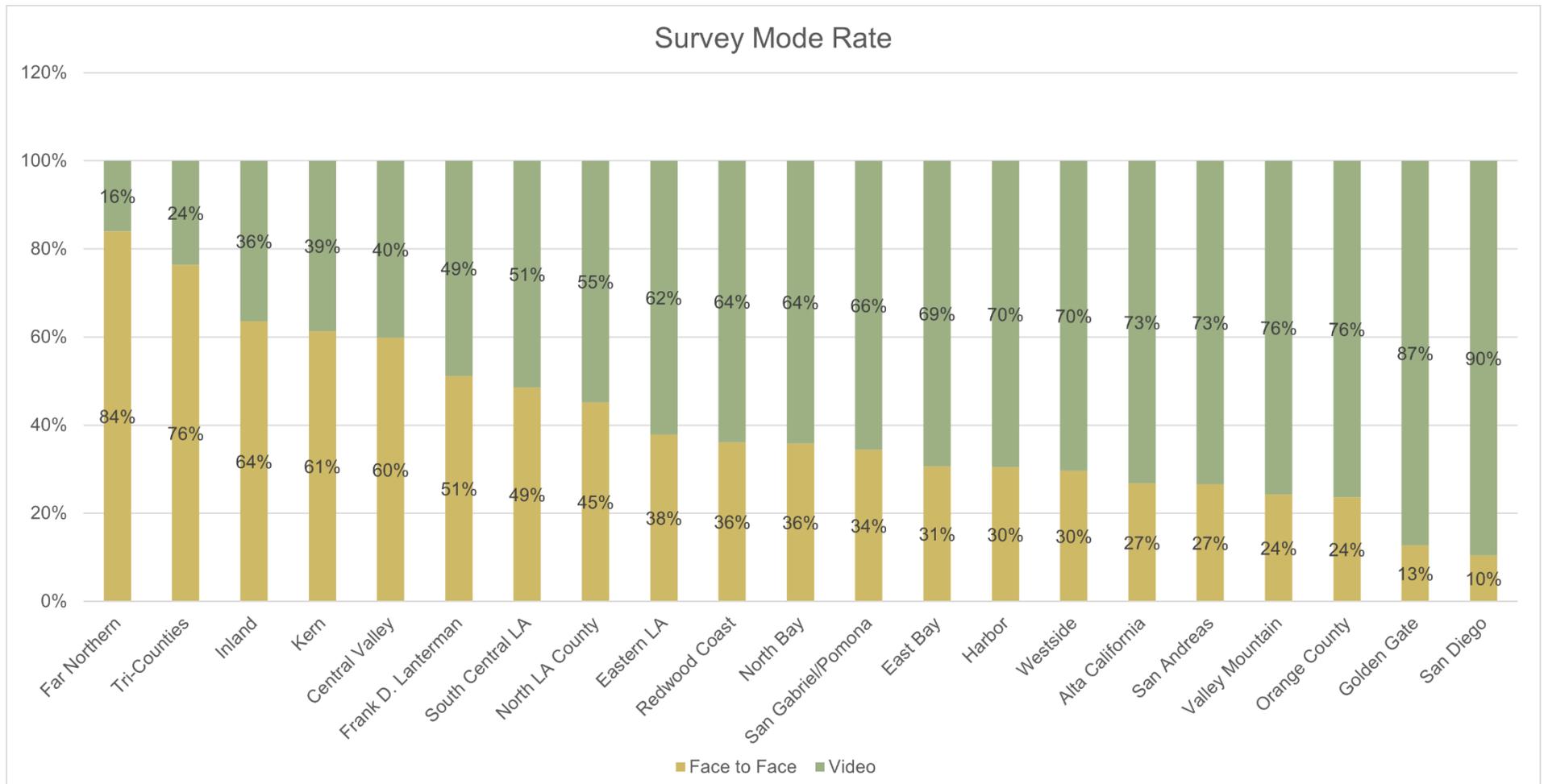


Table 2: Survey Mode by Regional Center (Face to Face vs Video)

| Regional Center | Face to Face | Videoconference |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Alta California | 27% | 73% |
| Central Valley | 60% | 40% |
| East Bay | 31% | 69% |
| Eastern LA | 38% | 62% |
| Far Northern | 84% | 16% |
| Frank D. Lanterman | 51% | 49% |
| Golden Gate | 13% | 87% |
| Harbor | 30% | 70% |
| Inland | 64% | 36% |
| Kern | 61% | 39% |
| North Bay | 36% | 64% |
| North LA County | 45% | 55% |
| Orange County | 24% | 76% |
| Redwood Coast | 36% | 64% |
| San Andreas | 27% | 73% |
| San Diego | 10% | 90% |
| San Gabriel/Pomona | 34% | 66% |
| South Central LA | 49% | 51% |
| Tri-Counties | 76% | 24% |
| Valley Mountain | 24% | 76% |
| Westside | 30% | 70% |

Table 3: Surveys Completed by Language n=7,824

| Language | Count |
|------------------------------|-------|
| English | 6144 |
| Spanish | 1508 |
| Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese) | 31 |
| Tagalog | 16 |
| Vietnamese | 90 |
| Korean | 9 |
| Hmong | 1 |
| Russian | 1 |
| Other | 24 |

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Through a contract with Department of Developmental Services (DDS), State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), using the NCI Survey tools, collects quantitative data on consumer satisfaction, provision of services, and personal outcomes. Data collection is completed through face to face interviews with consumers as well as mail-in surveys from families.

This data collection effort will enable DDS to evaluate the quality and performance of California's developmental disability service delivery system and among all the 21 regional centers over time.

For results of past surveys go to:
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/nci/reports/>

To view the DDS NCI Dashboard go to:
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/nci/>

For more information about the NCI go to:
<https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/>

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**AGENDA ITEM 10.
INFORMATION ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Person-Centered Planning Demonstration

Person Centered Planning is the cornerstone of the federal DD Act's value of self-determination and the California Lanterman Act standards for the service delivery system. It is a collaborative process where individuals identify their aspirations and dreams for the future while identifying the necessary supports and resources needed to achieve those goals. It emphasizes the active involvement of the person at the center, along with their support networks, in creating a personalized plan. Through this approach, individuals become active participants in decision making, leading to self-determination and autonomy.

This presentation will give an overview of person-centered planning along with examples of how it is used.

Handout(s)

May be additional handout(s) day of meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM 11.
INFORMATION ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The Council's next meeting date is scheduled in person on July 18, 2023.